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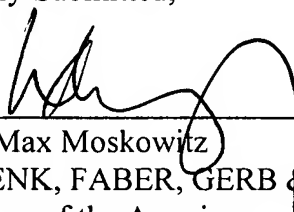
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Sir:

Our records indicate that we filed a response to an Office Action in the above-identified application about six months ago.

Since that response, we have not received any communication from the U.S. Patent Office. Kindly advise us of the status of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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